

# ***Proverbs 3:5***

***Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart and lean not on  
your own understanding***



**70 Types of People in  
Proverbs Expressed by  
Solomon**

**This Outline Gives Insights about:**

**A Greedy Person**

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### 70 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS EXPRESSED BY SOLOMON

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4. Fool
5. Innocent
6. Scorner
7. Evil Person
8. Froward Person
9. Wicked
10. Strange Woman
11. Upright
12. Transgressor
13. Cruel Person
14. Sluggard
15. Naughty Person
16. False Witness
17. Whorish woman
18. Adulteress
19. Thief
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24. Unjust
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26. Talebearer
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30. Virtuous Person
31. Perverse Person
32. Vain Person
33. Prudent Person
34. Slothful Person
35. Backslider
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37. Deceiver
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39. Envious Person
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41. Proud Person
42. Pure Person
43. Prideful Person
44. Haughty Person
45. Humble Person
46. Lowly Person
47. Whisperer
48. Violent Person
49. Liar
50. Waster
51. Brother
52. Ungodly
53. Mocker
54. Brawling Woman
55. Contentious Person
56. Furious Person
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58. Drunkard
59. Glutton
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61. Reprover
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Each study for the 70 types of people presented in “Solomon” has a corresponding short verbal introduction page. Likewise a full **Hebrew** and **Greek** study will follow.

### **I Samuel 8:3**

And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after *lucre*, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

### **Psalms 119:36**

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to *covetousness*.

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So are the ways of every one *that is greedy of* gain; **which taketh away the life** of the owners thereof.

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He that is *greedy* of gain **troubleth his own house**; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

### **Proverbs 21:26**

He coveteth *greedily* all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

### **Proverbs 28:16**

The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that **hateth *covetousness*** shall prolong his days.

### **Isaiah 57:17**

For **the iniquity** of *his covetousness* was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, **and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart**.

### **Luke 12:15**

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of *covetousness*: **for a man's life consisteth** not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

### **Romans 1:29**

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, *covetousness*, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

### **Ephesians 4:19**

Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with *greediness*.

### **Ephesians 5:3**

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or *covetousness*, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints**;

### **Colossians 3:5**

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and *covetousness*, which is idolatry:

### **II Peter 2:3**

And through *covetousness* shall they “with feigned words” make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

### **II Peter 2:14**

Having **eyes full** of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin: **beguiling** unstable souls: an heart **they have exercised *with covetous practices***; **cursed children**:

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Ta'avah	tah-av-aw'	a longing; by implication, a delight (subjectively, satisfaction, objectively, a charm):  KJV - dainty, desire, exceedingly, greedily, lust (ing), pleasant	13
Betsa	beh'-tsah	plunder; by extension, gain (usually unjust):  KJV - covetousness, (dishonest) gain, lucre, profit.	16

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Pleonexia	pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah	avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion: KJV - covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.	21

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#### **Job 6:9**

“Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, **and cut me off!**”

#### **Job 27:8**

“For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though **he hath gained**, when God taketh away his soul?”

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#### **Isaiah 10:12**

“Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord **hath performed** his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.”

#### **Isaiah 38:12**

“Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: **he will cut me off** with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.”

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### **Lamentations 2:17**

“The Lord hath done that which he had devised; *he hath fulfilled* his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.”

### **Ezekiel 22:12**

“In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and *thou hast greedily gained* of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.”

### **Ezekiel 22:27**

“Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to *get* dishonest gain.”

### **Joel 2:8**

“Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, *they shall not be wounded.*”

### **Amos 9:1**

“I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: *and cut them* in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.”

### **Micah 4:13**

“Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate *their gain* unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.”

### **Habakkuk 2:9**

“Woe *to him that coveteth* an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!”

### **Zechariah 4:9**

“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands *shall also finish it*; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.”



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#### I Samuel 2:16

“And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul **desireth**; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.”

#### Job 33:20

“So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul **dainty** meat.”

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<p><b>Proverbs 15:27</b> "He that is greedy of <i>gain</i> troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live."</p> <p><b>Habakkuk 2:9</b> "Woe to him that coveteth an evil <i>covetousness</i> to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!"</p>	<p><b>betsa`</b> <i>(beh'-tsah)</i></p> <p><b>Judges 5:19</b> "The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no <i>gain of</i> money."</p> <p><b>Isaiah 56:11</b> "Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one <i>for his gain</i>, from his quarter."</p>	<p><b>plunder; by extension, gain (usually unjust):</b></p> <p><b>KJV - covetousness, (dishonest) gain, lucre, profit.</b></p> <p><b>Job 22:3</b> "Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or <i>is it gain</i> to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?"</p> <p><b>Isaiah 57:17</b> "For the iniquity of <i>his covetousness</i> was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart."</p>	<p><b>Proverbs 1:19</b> "So are the ways of every one that is greedy of <i>gain</i>; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof."</p> <p><b>Ezekiel 22:27</b> "Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get <i>dishonest gain</i>."</p>	<p><b>Psalms 119:36</b> "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to <i>covetousness</i>."</p> <p><b>Proverbs 28:16</b> "The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth <i>covetousness</i> shall prolong his days."</p> <p><b>Malachi 3:14</b> "Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what <i>profit</i> is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?"</p>

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### Hebrew word study

**betsa` (beh'-tsah); plunder; by extension, gain (usually unjust):**  
KJV - covetousness, (dishonest) gain, lucre, profit.

#### Genesis 37:26

“And Judah said unto his brethren, What **profit** is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?”

#### Exodus 18:21

“Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating **covetousness**; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:”

#### Judges 5:19

“The kings came and fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no **gain of** money.”

#### I Samuel 8:3

“And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after **lucre**, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.”

#### Job 22:3

“Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or **is it gain** to him that thou makest thy ways perfect?”

#### Psalms 30:9

“What **profit** is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?”

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### **Isaiah 33:15**

“He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth *the gain of* oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;”

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### **Jeremiah 6:13**

“For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to *covetousness*; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.”

### **Jeremiah 8:10**

“Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to *covetousness*, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.”

### **Jeremiah 22:17**

“But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for *thy covetousness*, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.”

### **Jeremiah 51:13**

“O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of *thy covetousness*.”

### **Ezekel 22:13**

“Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy *dishonest gain* which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.”

### **Ezekiel 22:27**

“Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get *dishonest gain*.”

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### **Ezekiel 33:31**

“And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after *their covetousness*.”

### **Habakkuk 2:9**

“Woe to him that coveteth an evil *covetousness* to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!”

### **Malachi 3:14**

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<p><b>Mark 7:22</b> "Thefts, <i>covetousness</i>, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:"</p> <p><b>Luke 12:15</b> "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of <i>covetousness</i>: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."</p> <p><b>I Thessalonians 2:5</b> "For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a <i>cloak of covetousness</i>; God is witness:"</p>	<p><b>pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah)</b></p> <p><b>Fraud</b> <b>Extortion</b></p> <p><b>Romans 1:29</b> "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, <i>covetousness</i>, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,"</p> <p><b>Ephesians 5:3</b> "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or <i>covetousness</i>, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;"</p>	<p><b>Greed</b> <b>Covetousness</b></p> <p><b>II Corinthians 9:5</b> "Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of <i>covetousness</i>."</p>	<p><b>II Peter 2:14</b> "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised <i>with covetous practices</i>; cursed children:"</p> <p><b>Ephesians 4:19</b> "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with <i>greediness</i>."</p>	<p><b>II Peter 2:3</b> "And through <i>covetousness</i> shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."</p>

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**Greek word study**

pleonexia (pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah); avarice, i.e. (by implication) fraudulency, extortion:

*KJV* - covetous (-ness) practices, greediness.

### **Mark 7:22**

“Thefts, **covetousness**, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:”

### **Luke 12:15**

“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of **covetousness**: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

### **Romans 1:29**

“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, **covetousness**, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,”

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### **Ephesians 5:3**

“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or **covetousness**, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;”

### **Colossians 3:5**

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness**, which is idolatry:”

### **I Thessalonians 2:5**

“For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke **of covetousness**; God is witness:”

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### Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

#### Greedy - Hebrew

#### SOUL; SELF; LIFE

##### A. Noun.

**nepesh** OT:5315, "soul; self; life; person; heart." This is a very common term in both ancient and modern Semitic languages. It occurs over 780 times in the Old Testament and is evenly distributed in all periods of the text with a particularly high frequency in poetic passages.

The basic meaning is apparently related to the rare verbal form, **napash**. The noun refers to the essence of life, the act of breathing, taking breath. However, from that concrete concept, a number of more abstract meanings were developed. In its primary sense the noun appears in its first occurrence in Gen 1:20: "the moving creature that hath life," and in its second occurrence in Gen 2:7: "living soul."

However, in over 400 later occurrences it is translated "soul." While this serves to make sense in most passages, it is an unfortunate mistranslation of the term. The real difficulty of the term is seen in the inability of almost all English translations to find a consistent equivalent or even a small group of high-frequency equivalents for the term. The KJV alone uses over 28 different English terms for this one Hebrew word. The problem with the English term "soul" is that no actual equivalent of the term or the idea behind it is represented in the Hebrew language. The Hebrew system of thought does not include the combination or opposition of the terms "body" and "soul," which are really Greek and Latin in origin. The Hebrew contrasts two other concepts which are not found in the Greek and Latin tradition: "the inner self" and "the outer appearance" or, as viewed in a different context, "what one is to oneself" as opposed to "what one appears to be to one's observers." The inner person is **nepesh**, while the outer person, or reputation, is *shem*, most commonly translated "name." In narrative or historical passages of the Old Testament, **nepesh** can be translated as "life" or "self," as in Lev 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for [yourselves]...." Needless to say, the reading "soul" is meaningless in such a text.

But the situation in the numerous parallel poetic passages in which the term appears is much more difficult. The Greek Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate both simply use the Greek and Latin equivalent "soul," especially in the Psalms. The first occurrence is in Ps 3:2: "Many are saying of my soul, There is no deliverance for him in God" (NASB). The next occurrence is in Ps 6:3: "And my soul is greatly dismayed; But Thou, O Lord — how long?" (NASB). In both passages the parallel contrast is between **nepesh** and some aspect of the self, expressed as "him" in Ps 3:2 and not expressed but understood in Ps 6:3. There is no distinction as to whether it appears as an "A" or

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"B" word in the parallelism. However, since Hebrew rejects repeating the same noun in both halves of a poetic line, **nepesh** is often used as the parallel for the speaker, primary personal subject, and even for God, as in Ps 11:5: "The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence [he himself] hateth." Such passages are frequent, and a proper understanding of the word enlightens many wellknown passages, such as Ps 119:109: "My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Thy law" (NASB).

The versions vary widely in their readings of **nepesh**, with the more contemporary versions casting widely for meanings.

### **B. Verb.**

**Napash** means "to breathe; respire; be refreshed." This verb, which is apparently related to the noun **nepesh**, appears 3 times in the Old Testament Ex 23:12; 31:17. The other appearance is in 2 Sam 16:14: "And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary and refreshed themselves there."

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### Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

#### Greedy - Greek

#### FILTHINESS, FILTHY (TO MAKE)

##### A. Nouns.

1. **aischrotes** (NT:151), "baseness" (from aischos, "shame, disgrace"), is used in Eph 5:4, of obscenity, all that is contrary to purity.

2. **rhuparia** (NT:4507) denotes "dirt, filth" (cf. No. 2, under FILTH), and is used metaphorically of moral "defilement" in James 1:21.

3. **molusmos** (NT:3436), "a soiling, defilement," is used in 2 Cor 7:1. See DEFILEMENT.

4. **aselgeia** (NT:766), "wantonness, licentiousness, lasciviousness," is translated "filthy (conversation)," in 2 Peter 2:7, KJV; RV, lascivious (life). See LASCIVIOUSNESS, WANTONNESS.

**Notes:** (1) Broadly speaking, **aischrotes** signifies "whatever is disgraceful"; **rhuparia**, "that which is characterized by moral impurity", **molusmos**, "that which is defiling by soiling the clean"; **aselgeia**, "that which is an insolent disregard of decency." (2) In Col 3:8 **aischrologia**, which denotes any kind of "base utterance," the utterance of an uncontrolled tongue, is rendered "filthy communication" in the KJV; but this is only part of what is included in the more comprehensive RV rendering, "shameful speaking." In the papyri writings the word is used of "abuse." In general it seems to have been associated more frequently with "foul" or "filthy," rather than abusive, "speaking" (Moulton and Milligan).

##### B. Adjectives.

1. **aischros** (NT:150), "base, shameful" (akin to A, No. 1), is used of "base gain," "filthy (lucre)," Titus 1:11, and translated "shame" in 1 Cor 11:6, with reference to a woman with shorn hair; in 14:35, of oral utterances of women in a church gathering (RV, "shameful"); in Eph 5:12, of mentioning the base and bestial practices of those who live lascivious lives. See SHAME.

2. **aischrokerdes** (NT:146), "greedy of base gain" (No. 1, and **kerdos**, "gain"), is used in 1 Tim 3:8 and Titus 1:7, "greedy of filthy lucre"; some mss. have it also in 1 Tim 3:3.

3. **rhuparos** (NT:4508), akin to A, No. 2 (see also FILTH, No. 2), "dirty," is said of shabby clothing, James 2:2: metaphorically, of moral "defilement," Rev 22:11 (in the best mss.).

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**Note:** For **akathartos** see UNCLEAN, No. 1.

### C. Adverb.

**aischrokerdos** (NT:147), "eagerness for base gain" (akin to B, No. 2), is used in 1 Peter 5:2, "for filthy lucre."

### D. Verb.

**rhupaino** (NT:4510v), "to make filthy, defile" (from A, No. 2), is used in the passive voice, in an ethical sense, in Rev 22:11 (cf. B, No. 3, in the same verse), "let him be made filthy," RV. The tense (the aorist) marks the decisiveness of that which is decreed. Some texts have *rhupareuomai*, here, with the same meaning; some have *rhupoo*, in the middle voice, "to make oneself filthy." **pv**, "to make filthy, defile" (from A, No. 2), is used in the passive voice, in an ethical sense, in Rev 22:11 (cf. B, No. 3, in the same verse), "let him be made filthy," RV. The tense (the aorist) marks the decisiveness of that which is decreed. Some texts have *rhupareuomai*, here, with the same meaning; some have *rhupoo*, in the middle voice, "to make oneself filthy."

## COVET, COVETOUS, COVETOUSNESS

### A. Verbs.

**1. epithumeo** (NT:1937), "to fix the desire upon" (**epi**, "upon," used intensively, **thumos**, "passion"), whether things good or bad; hence, "to long for, lust after, covet," is used with the meaning "to covet evilly" in Acts 20:33, of "coveting money and apparel"; so in Rom 7:7; 13:9. See DESIRE, FAIN, LUST.

**2. zeloo** (NT:2206) is rendered "covet earnestly," in 1 Cor 12:31, KJV; RV, "desire earnestly," as in 14:39 (KJV "covet"). See AFFECT, DESIRE, ENVY, JEALOUS, ZEALOUS.

**3. orego** (NT:3713), "to stretch after," is rendered "covet after" in 1 Tim 6:10, KJV; RV. "reaching after." See DESIRE, REACH.

### B. Nouns.

**1. epithumetes** (NT:1938), "a luster after" (akin to A, No. 1), is translated in 1 Cor 10:6, in verbal form, "should not lust after." See LUST.

**2. epithumia** (NT:1939) denotes "coveting," Rom 7:7-8, RV; KJV, "lust" and "concupiscence"; the commandment here referred to convicted him of sinfulness in his desires for unlawful objects besides that of gain. See DESIRE, LUST.

**3. pleonexia** (NT:4124), "covetousness," lit., "a desire to have more" (**pleon**, "more," **echo**, "to have"), always in a bad sense, is used in a general way in Mark 7:22 (plural, lit., "covetings," i. e., various ways in which "covetousness" shows itself); Rom 1:29; Eph 5:3; 1 Thess 2:5. Elsewhere it is used, (a) of material possessions, Luke 12:15; 2 Peter 2:3; 2 Cor 9:5 (RV, "extortion"), lit., "as (a matter of) extortion" i. e., a

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gift which betrays the giver's unwillingness to bestow what is due; (b) of sensuality, Eph 4:19, "greediness"; Col 3:5 (where it is called "idolatry"); 2 Peter 2:14 (KJV, "covetous practices"). See EXTORTION.

**Note:** Cf. the corresponding verb **pleonekteo**, "to gain, take advantage of wrong." See ADVANTAGE, DEFRAUD, GAIN, B, Note (2), WRONG

### C. Adjectives.

**1. pleonektes** (NT:4123), lit., "(eager) to have more" (see B, No. 3), i. e., to have what belongs to others; hence, "greedy of gain, covetous," 1 Cor 5:10-11; 6:10; Eph 5:5 ("covetous man").

**2. philarguros** (NT:5366), lit., "money-loving," is rendered "covetous" in the KJV of Luke 16:14 and 2 Tim 3:2; RV, "lovers of money," the wider and due significance.

**3. aphilarguros** (NT:866), No. 2, with negative prefix, is translated "without covetousness" in Heb 13:5, KJV; RV, "free from the love of money." In 1 Tim 3:3, the KJV has "not covetous," the RV, "no lover of money."

**Note:** Trench, Syn. Sec. 24, points out the main distinction between **pleonexia** and **philarguria** as being that between "covetousness" and avarice, the former having a much wider and deeper sense, being "the genus of which **philarguria** is the species." The "covetous" man is often cruel as well as grasping, while the avaricious man is simply miserly and stinting.